

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method to inhibit the attack by organic acid ~~such as acetic acid,~~ of a thermoplastic polymer coated on a metal container body and/or end, said method comprising flash heat treating the whole respective polymer coated metal parts of the container intended to come into contact with the organic acid such that the polymer on said parts is heated to above its melting temperature to make the container suitable for packaging organic acid-containing contents ~~acid-containing stuff.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the polymer is kept above its melting temperature for a period of less than 10 seconds, ~~preferably less than 5 sec.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the polymer is heated to above the melting temperature of the polymer by induction heating.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, comprising after flash heat treating a step wherein the container is kept at a temperature below the melting temperature of the polymer, ~~preferably in a temperature range where crystallisation of the polymer occurs.~~

5. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method inhibits the attack by acetic acid of the thermoplastic polymer coated on the metal container body and/or end.

6. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the polymer is kept above its melting temperature for a period of less than 5 seconds.

7. (New) A method according to claim 1, comprising after flash heat treating a step wherein the container is kept at a temperature below the melting temperature of the polymer, in a temperature range where crystallization of the polymer occurs.